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Members of the 1941 Annual Assay Commission have been appointed by the President, Nellie Tayloe Ross, Director of the Mint, announced today. They will meet at the United States Mint 17 Philadelphia at 10 a.m., Wednesday, February 12 in the traditional ceremony held each year for the "trial of the coins."

Members of the Commission are: J. Fred Essary, Washington, D. C.; Honorable Cameron Morrison, Charlotte, N. C.; Charles G. Meyer, Cord-Meyer Realty Co., New York City; Buford C. Tynes, Huntington, W. Va.; Mrs. Irving Berlin, 129 East 78th Street, New York City; Mrs. Howell Moorhead, 2220 R Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.; Rudolph F. Haffenreffer, 231 Arlington Ave., Providence, R.I.; Mrs. John Kane, 517 Fordham Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.; Miss Sara V. Dunn, 921 Bergen Ave., Jersey City, N.J.; Maurice G. Alperin, 107 West Brookline St., Boston, Mass.; Joseph Coffin, 1182 Broadway, New York City; Dr. R. W. Bearce, Chief, Division of Weights and Measures, Bureau of Standards, Washington, D. C.; George J. Sokel, 16 Colony Street, Meridan, Conn.; Marshall S. Valker, 409 Pearl Street, New York City; Dr. W. S. Brinsfield, Chestertown, Md.

Ex-Officio members: Judge William H. Kirkpatrick, United States District Court, Philadelphia, Pa.; Preston Delano, Comptroller of the Currency, Washington, D. C., and Joseph Buford, Chief Assayer, United States Assay Office, New York City.

The 1941 test to be conducted by the Commission will be the largest task in its history, for \$4,347 coins await examination this year. A total of 168,593,952 silver coins were struck off by the mints last year. The Commission is one of the oldest institutions in the Government, having been created in 1792, and having met each year since that time.